

**REMARKS**

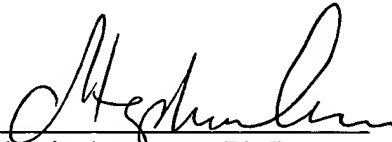
In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment, submitted herewith is a listing of the claims that contains the correct "status identifier" preceding each claim. According to the Notice, only the "Amendments to the Claims" section is required to be submitted. Accordingly, please consider the remarks submitted with the October 15, 2004 Amendment.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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